

GPS: Holiness

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I. Review/Introduction

A. 2 Questions In Acts 15

1. How is a person saved?
2. How does a saved person live?
 - A person is saved by faith alone in Jesus Christ.

Acts 15:28-29 It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell.

2. GPS — A Compass for navigating the trending topics of our challenging times.

- G - God : Does this glorify God?
- P - People : Does this encourage or discourage others?
- S - Self : Does this cause me to be closer to or further away from God?

3. As Christians, what makes us different from the world?

John 17:15-16 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Philippians 3:20 (NLT) But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

2 Peter 3:11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

II. What does it mean to be holy?

A. Holy: Set apart from ordinary or evil use and devoted to glorifying God.

B. The faith we live out will separate us from the world we live in.

1 Peter 2:9-12 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1. God and Holiness

- **We need to see ourselves the way that God sees us.**

A. What makes you holy?

1. You are not holy because of what you do not do.
2. You are not holy because of what you do do.
3. You are holy because of who you are in Christ.

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B. Holiness is based on a relationship.

1. We are a Chosen People.

- I am chosen!

1 Peter 2:10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

2. We are a Royal Priesthood.

I am called to a purpose!

What happens on your side of the fence affects those on the other side of the fence.

3. We are a Holy Nation.

1 Peter 1:15-16 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

- Holiness is not about religion. It is about relationship.
- I am loved by God!

Deuteronomy 7:6 For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

4. We are God's Special Possession.

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

- I belong to God!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Peter 2:9-10 (MSG) But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you— from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

C. Does this glorify the God who chose me, called me, loves me, and has made me His own?

2. Holiness and People

1 Peter 2:12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

A. The Foundation of God's Word

B. The Swing of Culture

C. When the culture swings to either extreme, what is in the middle will seem out of place.

“I believe that one reason why the church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church.” - Charles Spurgeon

1 Peter 2:15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

- A life of holiness will be offensive to some.
- A life of holiness will be attractive to some.

Proverbs 27:7 One who is full loathes honey from the comb, but to the hungry even what is bitter tastes sweet.

1 Peter 3:15-16 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

3. Holiness and Self

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- **Live such good lives!**